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Blaster worm virus attacks campus

By Stefan Botchev
Photo Editor

Viruses infecting computer systems worldwide shut down the St. Michael's College network in the first week after summer break.

The most serious virus, the Blaster worm, was created by an 18-year-old Minnesota high school student. The worm ate through computers of returning students, causing computer capacity reduction.

On Monday, Sept. 15, 65 students still were holding up IT's effort to restore the network capacity to 100 percent.

Rick Murphy, system and network administrator, said about 30 percent of the returning students had the viruses on their computers already. The Internet connections to dorms and on-campus labs were shut down to be reconfigured.

"The college is making a huge effort to clean up the mess. They also hired vendors to come and help," Murphy said. "The guys out there have worked two weeks straight."

As computers were becoming infected across campus, Murphy was doubtful the college was up to the task.

"On Saturday, I thought there is no way we are going to win this war," he said.

Joann Trottier, associate director of information technology, said the faculty, the Student Life Office, resident assistants and resident directors have been working hard with the IT department to help repair the system.

St. Michael's College was hit harder than other colleges in the Northeast. The reason for that has not yet been determined.

"We are actively working in collaboration with other New England colleges to try to answer some questions," Trottier said.

IT set up eight workstations on campus to help students install the anti-virus software called InoculateIT. Primary work areas were Alliot Hall and North Campus.

The network problems affected faculty and students the most. Many departments experienced delays in their work because of their dependence on the Internet.

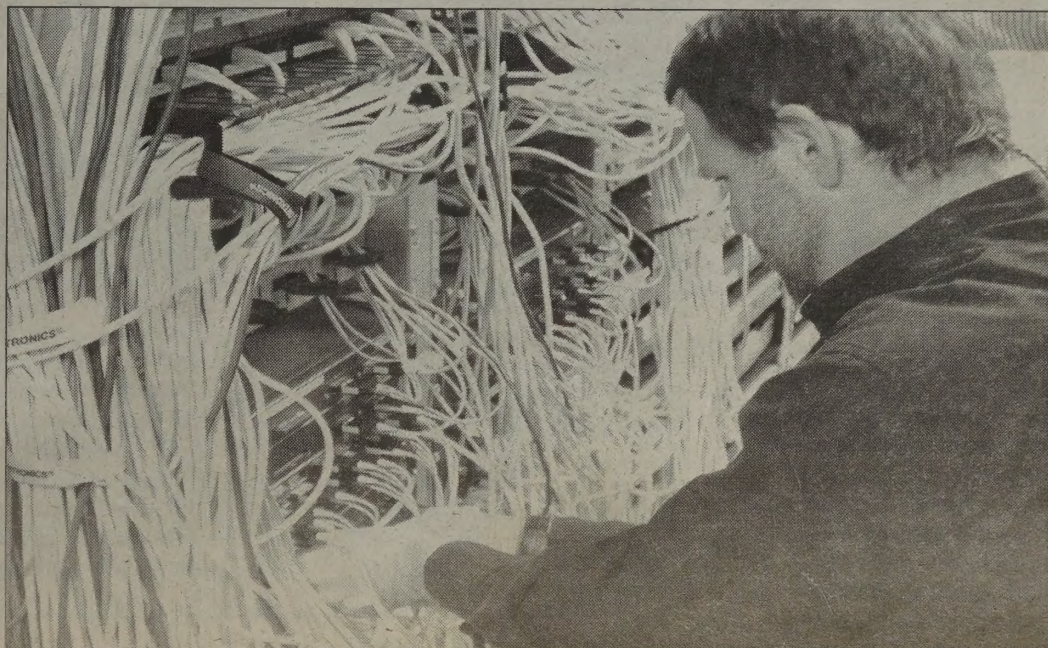


Photo by Stefan Botchev

Dave Oakman, technical director of Atrion Networking Corp., examines network connections.

Junior Melissa Hill said she was disappointed because she could not contact her closest friends over e-mail.

"I live off campus. I wanted to go online to look at my courses and I couldn't," Hill said.

Several computer-based language and computer science

classes had to be canceled because of the network problems.

The Financial Aid Office was delayed in certifying student loans online.

Financial aid counselor Linda McGaughnea said a number of students have alternative school loans that have to be certi-

fied. Students need the money to pay the bills, she said.

"It was just an unfortunate time for it to happen. It's the busiest time of the year," McGaughnea said. "There are a few loans that we certified now."

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Friends and family mourn student's death

Accident on July 15 claims the life of St. Michael's senior Michael Cunneen

By Greg Smith
and Keely Ames

Friends and family of Michael Cunneen remember him for his love of life, adventure and Irish music. Those who knew the 21-year-old St. Michael's student now reflect on a life cut short by a tragic accident.

The New York Daily News reported that Cunneen, of Queens, N.Y., died July 15, after sustaining severe head injuries from a fall. The Daily News said that Cunneen had traveled to Hersheypark in Hershey, Pa. with a group of friends to attend a Pearl Jam concert.

Cunneen fell about 20 feet from Park Boulevard, a public road that links two parking lots, at about 8 p.m., an hour before the start of the concert, a Hersheypark spokesman told The Daily News. Repeated calls to the Derry Township Police Department were not returned.

The news of Cunneen's death shocked friends and family, both at home and abroad. Cunneen, a religious studies and philosophy major, spent his entire junior year studying in Galway, Ireland.

"While Mike was there, he worked in a restaurant called 'Rabbits,'" said Alice Cunneen, Michael's mother. "The owner of the restaurant called us at least eight times after Michael's death. He was devastated."

Senior Chris Bernier, who met Cunneen during his first year, spent a semester in Ireland with him.

"We went to pubs, played a lot of golf, and then we would come back and he would play late-night bagpipes for us," Bernier said. "He was a good kid. Always smiling, looking to have a good time."

Everyone who knew Cunneen had a story about his caring nature, spirituality and his desire to have people around him.



Photo courtesy of Pat Kiely

Michael Cunneen, here abroad last year, died this summer of injuries resulting from a fall.

Alice Cunneen said that her son was only supposed to go to Ireland for one semester, but he loved it so much he decided to stay. While abroad, Cunneen marched in Dublin playing the bagpipes, visited the Alps and could be seen riding a little yellow motor scooter around town.

"I borrowed his scooter one day in Galway and I went riding around," senior Pat Kiely said. "And all these people kept saying

hi to me. I finally realized, they thought I was Mike. The relationships he made there in even just four months were amazing."

Making friends was something Cunneen was very good at. He had the ability to make people feel very comfortable. A New York native and the son of the commanding officer of Patrol Borough Brooklyn North, Cunneen was greatly affected by the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, 2001.

"He helped build a World Trade Center memorial on a beach near our house," Alice Cunneen said. "There is a family down the street from us that lost a family member on 9/11. This summer Michael would work all day at the lumberyard and then go over to their house and help them build their deck," she said.

Senior Jay Borsella met Cunneen during his first year and began commuting back and forth to school with him.

"He was the greatest kid,"

Borsella said. "He had such a good heart."

Borsella remembered ski trips to Stowe, nights in Montreal and the skydiving jump that he, Kiely and Cunneen shared.

"He just did what he wanted to do, and he had a great time doing it," Borsella said.

Cunneen's roommate during his sophomore year, senior Mike Keltner, did not believe the news of the accident.

"It was such a shock," Keltner said. "You just kept asking yourself if it really happened."

Senior Molly McCarthy was another student who was in Ireland with Cunneen.

"I would love to be able to live my life the way he did," McCarthy said. "I'm lucky I got to know him."

Friends and family are now left to celebrate Cunneen's life.

"He squeezed a lot of living into 21 years," Alice Cunneen said.

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12:25 a.m. Drunkenness at Ryan Hall		2:53 a.m. Vandalism at Joyce Hall		11:42 p.m. Odor violation Joyce Hall	
12:29 a.m. Noise complaint at 100s Townhouses		11:35 p.m. 911 hangup at Cashman Hall		Monday, Sept. 8	
2:17 a.m. Suspicious persons at Campus Road		Saturday, Sept. 6		12:14 a.m. Medical assist at Lyons Hall	
8:42 a.m. 911 hangup at Alliot		12:54 a.m. 911 hangup at Founders Hall		10:20 a.m. Larceny/theft at 200s Townhouses	
10:03 p.m. Alcohol violation at 100s Townhouses		1:23 a.m. Drunkenness in Bergeron		Tuesday, Sept. 9	
10:30 p.m. Larceny/theft at Alumni Hall		1:35 a.m. Noise complaint at 200s Townhouses		12:45 a.m. Noise complaint at 100s Townhouses	
Tuesday, Sept. 2		1:58 a.m. Drunkenness at Ryan Hall		8:06 a.m. Motor vehicle accident at North Campus	
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8:10 p.m. Unsecure door at Linnehan Hall		1:25 p.m. Odor violation Ryan Hall		2 p.m. Suspicious person at the Rotunda	
10:18 p.m. Vehicle stop Campus Road		5:18 p.m. Fire alarm at Linnehan Hall		Wednesday, Sept. 10	
11:06 p.m. Noise complaint at Ryan Hall		Sunday, Sept. 7		12:39 a.m. Odor violation at Ryan Hall	
Wednesday, Sept. 3		12:34 a.m. Alcohol violation at Linnehan Hall		2:19 a.m. Noise complaint at 100s Townhouses	
9:16 a.m. Alarm at Dupont		12:49 a.m. Mischief		9:21 p.m. Odor violation at Founders Hall	
5:20 p.m. Alarm at Tarrant		12:52 a.m. Noise complaint at 300s Townhouses		10:34 p.m. Fire alarm at Joyce Hall	
8:06 p.m. Fire alarm at Salmon Hall		1:11 a.m. Suspicious person at College Parkway		Thursday, Sept. 11	
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9:50 p.m. Larceny/theft at Alliot		2:44 a.m. Suspicious person at Hamel Hall		11:47 p.m. Animal complaint at Prevel	
11:42 p.m. Alcohol violation at Linnehan Hall		3:09 a.m. Medical assist at 300s Townhouses			
Friday, Sept. 5		3:45 a.m. Vandalism at Ryan Hall			
1:12 a.m. Alcohol violation at Ryan Hall		4:43 a.m. Drunkenness at Purtill Hall			
1:23 a.m. Noise complaint at Linnehan Hall		4:36 p.m. 911 Hangup at Johnson Ave.			

Construction under way for two residence halls

Buildings will be identical to Cashman Hall and completed by August

By Katie Mazurek
News Editor

There has been some major construction over the past few years at St. Michael's College.

All the hard work brought about the completion of the Hoehl Welcome Center this past summer. This year, the construction that begins promptly at 8 a.m. is the site of two residence halls.

The construction of the two dorms is well under way and progressing at a steady pace, said Jim Farrington, Physical Plant director.

The dorms are expected to be completed by August, Farrington said.

"The two new residence halls will be exactly like Cashman," Farrington said.

The first floors of the buildings will be slightly different from Cashman. There will be no bike room, and the apartments will be smaller, which will leave room for an extra four-bedroom suite on the first floor.

No major donations were made for the construction of the dorms. The decision to build was that of the school, and St. Michael's is paying for it, Farrington said.

With the construction of two new residence halls, the question whether St. Michael's is looking to increase its size may arise.

Farrington says the answer is no. He said that St. Michael's is already above its ideal size.

The reason for the new dorms is to eliminate the housing across the road, which consists of



Photo by Jacob Shumway

The construction of two residence halls, is currently under way on campus, which has eliminated close to 80 parking spaces. The buildings are expected to be completed by August.

Senior Hall, St. Joseph's Hall, and Salmon Hall. The new dorms will not eliminate North Campus or any of the other housing there.

"We don't want students to have to cross the highway to get to class," Farrington said.

While the construction is bringing new buildings to campus, it is having a serious impact. The site is squeezed in between the townhouses, the theme houses and Cashman. The fence surrounding the construction is up against the theme houses, less than an arms length away to certain houses.

Junior Dave Volpe, the resident coordinator of the theme houses, lives in 84 College Parkway. The construction is right outside his window.

"I understand that they are building two new dorms, and it

has to get done, but having a cement truck and a steamroller outside your window every morning gets a little old," Volpe said. "I wish the fence was more than a foot away from my window."

Another student, junior Janine Flahive, who lives at 82 College Parkway, also has been affected by the construction.

"I don't even have to set my alarm clock anymore. All the drilling and bulldozing begins promptly at 8 a.m. I couldn't sleep through that if I wanted to," Flahive said.

Aside from students' sleep, the construction has also affected security issues, such as parking and vandalism of the site.

Peter Soons, the director of safety and security, has estimated that the construction eliminated about 80 parking spaces.

Soons is more concerned with the security of the construction site and the safety of students.

"When Cashman was being built, vandalism issues arose," Soons said. "On weekend nights students trampled the fence and went into the site."

The construction company put up huge, bright floodlights. That was a direct response to the problems that students created, Soons said.

Soons said that there have been no problems yet, and he hopes that there will be no issues in the future.

"It is a crime to go in there. If students are found in the site, they could be charged with criminal trespassing," Soons said.

It is not well lighted and could be dangerous, Soons said.

News

The parking predicament

Elimination of 80 parking spaces makes tickets, fines, and towing more common

By Christine Danyow
Staff Writer

Campus residents and faculty may find themselves circling parking lots and using their feet a bit more this year.

Nearly 80 residential parking spaces have been lost due to construction of two residence halls near Cashman Hall. No plans are in place to recoup the loss this year.

Peter Soons, the director of safety and security, said the loss was temporary, but temporary equaled a year in this case.

"I understand that a year does not feel temporary in a student's world," he said.

Sixty-seven spaces were lost when the parking lot was eliminated behind 92 College Parkway. Another dozen were lost to extended fences near Cashman Hall.

"We knew we were going to lose a lot, but we didn't expect to lose the area along Cashman," Soons said.

More faculty and staff from the Klein Center and Ross Sports Center, now working in the Hoehl Welcome Center, may be parking in the Alliot/Hoehl lot this year, too. Although this does not result in an increase in overall employee population, it does increase the employee demand for parking in that area, Soons said.

"There is a parking issue, but there is not an overall parking capacity problem," he said. "The problem is where the parking is located. There are enough spaces for all the cars here on campus. The problem is the spaces are not near residences, townhouses and

where people are living."

Soons said he has received complaints from faculty, staff and students about the deficiency in parking. People ask what they should do and where should they go, he said.

Sarah Russo, a sophomore in Founders Hall, said it's very hard to find a spot close to where she lives.

"I live in Founders, but we can't park over there. I can usually get a spot here (in the Ryan lot) during the day, but at night all the spots are taken," Russo said as she removed a warning ticket from the windshield of her car for parking in a faculty designated spot.

"I don't want to park over by the townhouses because it's so far away. It's just a hassle."

Soons recognizes that finding a space is a problem.

"We're trying to acknowledge that this is unsatisfactory, but we have a job to do, and it's a challenge to manage the limited parking we now have," Soons said.

Director of print and mailing services, George Goldsworthy, who parks in the Ryan lot, has a bike on campus. He says he does not dare move his car at lunchtime for fear he wouldn't get any closer than North Campus when he returned.

"The reality is we're running out of room," Goldsworthy said. "There is going to be a need for a new parking lot."

Goldsworthy becomes most frustrated when he sees residents from the dorms and townhouses parking in the Alliot rotunda.

"They're parking there to go in and get breakfast, right when



Photo by Jacob Shumway

Students have been parking in restricted spaces all over campus because of a lack of space. This car was ticketed outside of Cashman Hall for parking in a handicapped spot.

'The reality is we're running out of room. There is going to be a need for a new parking lot.'

George Goldsworthy,
director of print and
mailing services

all the deliveries are coming in," Goldsworthy said. "This is supposed to be a pedestrian campus. Students should get out and enjoy the beautiful atmosphere that is on campus and use their feet."

Graduate student and commuter Alicia Hall says it is unfair that faculty and staff always get the closer spots.

"It just seems unfair that faculty and staff can park closer, when we're (students) the reason they're here," Hall said. "We pay so much to come here, you'd think we'd be valued a little more."

Hall usually has to park at

the far end of the Ross lot.

Soons said alternatives were explored prior to the construction to use space along the Gate 5 Road to recover the loss of the 92 lot. The road is owned and controlled by the National Guard; however, the college has not yet secured access to it.

"There was adequate space to recover all the losses, but you must have control over that road to use it," Soons said.

Another lot will be added with the completion of the two residence halls being constructed near Cashman Hall.

Soons said the new lot will add 103 spaces in addition to recovering the spaces lost to the extended construction fences.

The new residence halls are slated to be completed by fall 2004.

"There is talk of a parking garage in the master plan for the future, but I don't see that happening for the next four or five years," Soons said.

The Student Association and security are teaming up to see if they can come up with a solution to the parking problem.

"We know many students in

the Ross lot see it as an inconvenience and a safety hazard," S.A. President Corinne O'Connor said. "We're in the process of finding other options."

In the meantime, the S.A. is asking students to park in the Ross lot and to take full advantage of security and the Don't Walk Alone program if they feel uncomfortable making the long walk from Ross.

"We really want to re-emphasize that students not park where parking isn't available," S.A. Secretary Mark Hamylak. "It becomes a problem for students, safety and security, and fire and rescue. It doesn't help people to be rebellious."

Security is looking into restricting the number of permits that go out this year, Soons said.

The S.A. is looking for as many alternative ideas from students as possible regarding the parking issue.

"We need students to show up at the S.A. meetings and throw out ideas," O'Connor said.

The first S.A. meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Sept. 23 in Cheray 101.



Photo by Jacob Shumway

A \$700,000 donation will be used to build a new station. The Fire and Rescue squad has outgrown the firehouse shown above.

St. Michael's fire and rescue squad receives \$700,000 donation

Robert E. Sutton, '66, bestows generous gift

By Stephanie Theberge
Design Editor

Robert E. Sutton donated \$700,000 to the St. Michael's Fire and Rescue squad. Sutton graduated from the college in 1966.

Sutton resides in Cherry Hills Village, Colo.

Sutton is chairman and CEO of Denver-based Centrix Financial.

As a student at St. Michael's, Sutton was never a

member of the fire and rescue squads, but his father, Roland Sutton, is close friends with the retired chief, Donald Sutton, who started the St. Michael's Fire and Rescue squad in 1969.

His admiration of the squads prompted the donation, given in June. He helped the squads reach their goal of \$1.1 million needed to build a new station.

"Fire and Rescue has grown, and we have outgrown our living space," said Leslie Lindquist, second lieutenant of the rescue

squad.

The goal of \$1.1 million seemed unreachable, but this donation will allow the squads to reach their goal in time, Lindquist said.

The new station will be large enough to hold all equipment and vehicles. Right now, due to the lack of space, everything cannot be kept together.

News

St. Michael's asked to join prestigious national honor society

Phi Beta Kappa, oldest national academic honor society in the country, makes the college its 270th member

By Jacob Shumway
Photo Editor

St. Michael's College has been voted into Phi Beta Kappa, the oldest national academic honors society in the country. St. Michael's College becomes the 270th member.

"This really underscores that we are a high-quality school," Dean of the College John Kenney said. "The college itself is recognized as one of the top academic schools in the country. Phi Beta Kappa has good street value for graduates who are either applying for grad school or who are looking for jobs."

Professor Will Marquess of the English Department has been a Phi Beta Kappa member since 1976.

"I am very happy that we are getting a chapter here," Marquess said. "I think our induction into Phi Beta Kappa will heighten the intellectual atmosphere at St. Mike's."

"The faculty will also have a greater responsibility to the students," Marquess said. "The faculty will bring in speakers, arrange student conferences and

other academic activities that will benefit the students."

Phi Beta Kappa was founded in 1776 at the College of William and Mary and has retained its reputation as one of the top academic societies in the country. It has only 17 chapters in New England, including the University of Vermont and Middlebury College, the only other Vermont schools with Phi Beta Kappa chapters.

"Our acceptance into Phi Beta Kappa allows us to vote 10 percent of our graduating class into the honor society, as well as a small number of juniors," Kenney said. "Nationally, only 1 percent graduate with Phi Beta Kappa honors."

Getting into the honor society is not an easy task. It takes three years of review for a school to be considered. Other criteria includes a preliminary report submitted to a committee and a visit to the applying school by members of Phi Beta Kappa.

For review, a committee is sent to study the school. The Phi Beta Kappa senate votes on whether to move the school to the final stages, during which the

schools that are already members vote whether to accept a school, Kenney said.

"Phi Beta Kappa looks for many things when they consider a school for induction," Kenney said. "They look for good academics, quality of faculty, quality of students, extent of student research, strength of library facilities, broad liberal arts curriculum, and whether or not the athletes graduate."

This is not the first time St. Michael's College has applied to Phi Beta Kappa.

"We made an initial effort in 1991 to get in, but we were eliminated in the first round," Kenney said. "We did not have enough faculty members who were Phi Beta Kappa."

Phi Beta Kappa requires that 10 percent of a school's faculty be Phi Beta Kappa members.

"I think it's pretty cool," Kenney said. "This should certify to potential students that this is a good school with high-quality academics."

St. Michael's College will be formally inducted into Phi Beta Kappa with a ceremony in the spring.

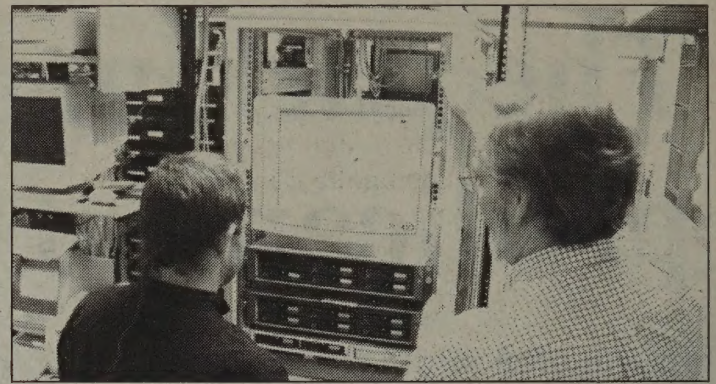


Photo by Stefan Botchev

Dave Oakman (left) and Rick Murphy discuss the network problem.

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The School of International Studies was also held up.

Online international student registrations with the Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services, formerly the INS, have been delayed. The registrations are necessary for international students to be in the country legally.

Brenda Rousselle, director of operations, said all of the immigration paperwork she does to serve international students is Internet based.

"Not having access is more stressful than being behind on regular work but still having access," Rousselle said.

The virus has disrupted things on campus for a while and

turned back the clock to a time before the Internet.

Language lab manager Jeremy Gilpin said the virus was a very severe threat but there was never panic on campus. The reaction time was a very significant part of the war against the virus, he said.

"The response effort was something equivalent to an emergency response," Gilpin said.

The college will make changes to avoid these problems in the future. A plan has not yet been set up, but Murphy is certain that something will be done for the beginning of spring semester 2004.

"It's my hope that we are going to have a firmed-up plan for January," Murphy said.

Monday, January 4
I tried to climb my vertical today. I gave up at 20,000. I'm no water skier, but that's a ton.
I almost wish there were life lines here so I could catch my breath. Almost.

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News

News Briefs

The Rev. Brian Cummings appointed director of Edmundite Campus Ministry

The Rev. Brian Cummings, SSE, succeeds the Rev. Marcel Rainville, SSE, as director of Edmundite Campus Ministry. Cummings will no longer serve as a part-time teacher in the business department. This change began July 1. Rainville becomes director of formation for the Society of St. Edmund.

Michael Maine becomes director of International marketing and enrollment

Michael Maine joins St. Michael's as director of international marketing and enrollment. Maine comes to the college from Davenport University in Grand Rapids, Mich., where he was international enrollment manager and adviser.

Cieplicki leaves post as volleyball coach

After five years with the college, Betsy Cieplicki has chosen to step down as the head volleyball coach and intramural director. Cieplicki also served as the director of summer camps, tickets manager and the adviser to SAAC (Student-Athlete Advisory Committee). She has taken a job as recreation director for Shelburne.

St. Michael's ranked in top tier of master's programs nationwide

U.S. News & World Report announced recently that St. Michael's College ranked 11th in the magazine's "Best Universities - Master's North Region" category. This marks the 14th consecutive year that St. Michael's has made the cut.

U.S. News & World Report annually ranks 573 nationwide universities, subdividing them by geographic area - North, South, Midwest and West. The factors that determine a school's ranking include peer assessment, retention rate, six-year graduation rate and freshman retention rate, faculty resources, student selectivity, financial resources, and alumni giving rate.

St. Michael's is accompanied in its tier by schools including Villanova, Providence, Fairfield, Loyola of Maryland, Ithaca, Bentley and Quinnipiac.

Journalism benefactor, former publisher Urban 'Ben' Bergeron dies

Urban "Ben" Bergeron, a longtime friend of St. Michael's and trustee emeritus, died July 30. After graduating in 1939, he started his career working at The Burlington Free Press and retired as its publisher in 1979. Ben and his wife, Pauline, played a great role in establishing the journalism department at St. Michael's and were the principal donors toward construction of the Bergeron Education Center, home of the department of journalism and mass communication.

Women's Center gets new coordinator

The Women's Center at St. Michael's College welcomes Kim Swartz as its new coordinator. Swartz received her master's degree in community health from the University of Toronto and her undergraduate degree in women's studies and political science from SUNY-Purchase. Swartz has worked in several public service positions. Along with working in the Women's Center, Swartz will teach in the women's/gender studies program.

Where is everything?

With the opening of the Hoehl Welcome Center this summer, many academic and student affairs offices on campus have changed their locations. Some of the major changes in location are:

- Security has moved to Roy House, the blue house across Vermont 15 next to Purple Knights Pizza.
- Study Abroad Office has moved to Klein 118
- Coordinator's Office has moved to Klein 113
- Financial Aid has moved to the first floor of the Founder's Annex
- The Writing Center and Tutoring Program have moved to Klein
- Admission and Special Events have moved to the first floor of Hoehl Welcome Center.

- Compiled by Defender staff

Great-grandmother awaits judgment in jail

By Stephen Hui
The Peak (Simon Fraser U.)

VANCOUVER, British Columbia - A 74-year-old environmentalist found out that she would have to spend a few more days in jail while a judge mulls over her fate.

Betty Krawczyk, a great-grandmother, was arrested twice while blockading logging roads in the Walbran Valley on Vancouver Island earlier this year. British Columbia Supreme Court Justice Bruce Harvey will rule on her criminal contempt of court case soon.

"He said he would reserve decision on whether or not Betty would get out, and he would hand down his decision on the entire case within a week," said Joe Foy, national campaign director for the Western Canada Wilderness Committee, by telephone.

More than a dozen environmentalists rallied on the steps of the court as Krawczyk's trial got under way. Supporters said she was arrested for protesting the logging of old-growth trees and the provincial government's Working Forest plan, which would see almost half the

Betty Krawczyk, a great-grandmother, was arrested twice while blockading logging roads in the Walbran Valley on Vancouver Island earlier this year.

province designated as a land base for the forest industry. Krawczyk has been in custody for over 100 days.

"I've been sitting in prison for three months," the defendant told the judge. "I want a fair hearing in this courtroom."

Cameron Ward, Krawczyk's lawyer, argued that the case was still a civil matter and, therefore, the Crown was not a party to the trial. Ward also claimed that his client's rights were violated because she is being held without formal charges.

"These proceedings should be stayed," Ward said.

But Crown counsel contended that it was normal for no charge or indictment to be brought forth in a case of criminal contempt of court.

"Criminal contempt is a very unusual situation," Simon Richards said.

According to Ken Wu, executive director of the Wilderness Committee's Victoria chapter, the Working Forest plan would facilitate the sell-off of public lands and increase the rights of logging companies to seek compensation for forests given protected status in the future.

"This is why we say that it confers private rights for logging companies on public lands and publicly owned forests," Wu said during a break in the trial. "It's a move to privatise our public lands through de facto privatization."

The government, however, maintains that the plan does not constitute privatization and will strengthen the province's economy and ensure the survival of the forest industry. Although 97 percent of respondents to its online consultation process said that they were opposed to the plan, the government says it intends to move forward and introduce legislation to make the Working Forest a reality this fall.

- U-Wire

Students face slumping job market

By Rami Naser
FSView & Florida Flambeau
(Florida State U.)

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. - Between 1991 and 2001, the United States experienced an unprecedented 10-year economic expansion. But the booming economy of the 1990s has become a distant memory to many people - especially Florida State University students.

The downturn in the economy has left an impact on some college students looking for their first job, a task that is not as easy as it once was.

"Why (is employment) not growing? There are a lot of different views on that and probably a lot of different factors, all of which play some part in the answer," economics department Chairman James Cobbe said. "One part is definitely the continuation of a very long-run trend of change in the structure of the economy toward production of goods to production of services, coupled with the continuing impact on productivity of information technology - broadly interpreted.

"Those two trends together with increased openness of the economy, and therefore a greater level of competition with overseas producers, has probably had some impact on our overall employment levels."

Even with the end of the recession and the beginning of a new economic expansion, in its latest Employment Situation Summary, the U.S. Department of Labor estimated that "the

unemployment rate was 6.2 percent in July; the number of unemployed persons was 9.1 million."

According to Cobbe, the unemployment numbers indicate a significant loss of jobs.

"Unemployment is back up to levels we have not seen for quite a long time and the economy has lost well over two million jobs since the end of the expansion," Cobbe said. "We have gotten ourselves in a situation now where output is increasing but employment isn't."

Because of the sluggish economy, some students say it's becoming more difficult to find jobs that are appropriate for those with newly awarded bachelor's degrees.

"Politicians blame their opponents for a bad economy but take the credit for it when things are going well," senior Jeff Trinker said.

Students set to graduate in the near future are faced with the daunting task of deciding whether to accept any job or exercise other options, such as going to back to school to earn a higher degree.

"I'm going to apply for some private sector and government jobs, but I don't really expect to get a job right out of college," Trinker said. "I think I will need either an advanced degree or military service as an officer."

Cobbe has some words of advice for college students who are trying to prepare themselves to find a decent job.

"What is probably as important as anything is to have some really basic, highly transferable

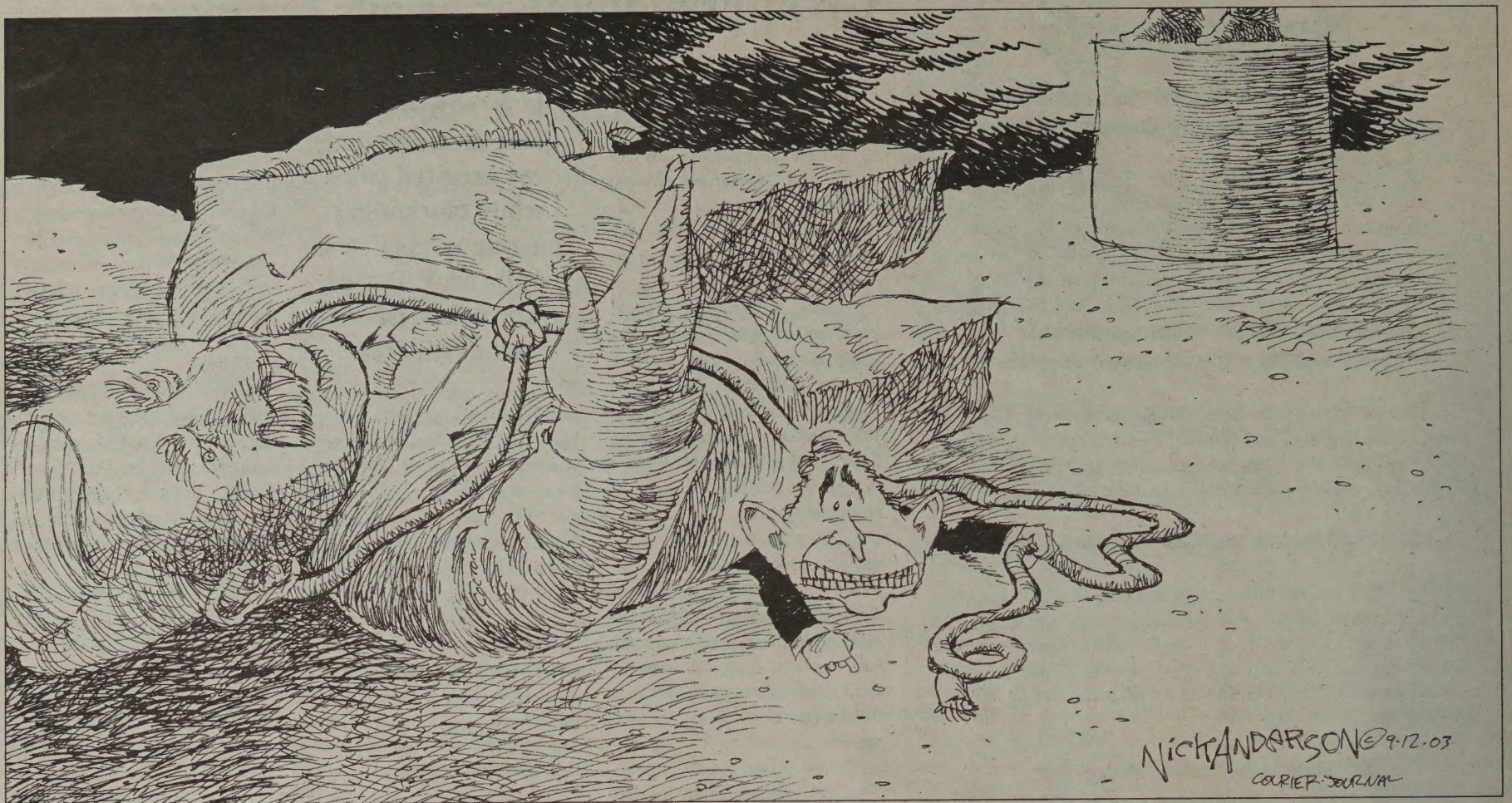
'Maybe the most important thing you get out of college education is that you demonstrate that you are able to learn new things quickly and efficiently because that's going to be a very important characteristic of a worker.'

skills," he said. "Be able to write well so that people understand what you are trying to say. Be able to use statistics, use basic math. Be able to use a computer. Maybe the most important thing you get out of college education is that you demonstrate that you are able to learn new things quickly and efficiently because that's going to be a very important characteristic of a worker that is going to be successful."

Cobbe also said it is important to continue learning throughout life.

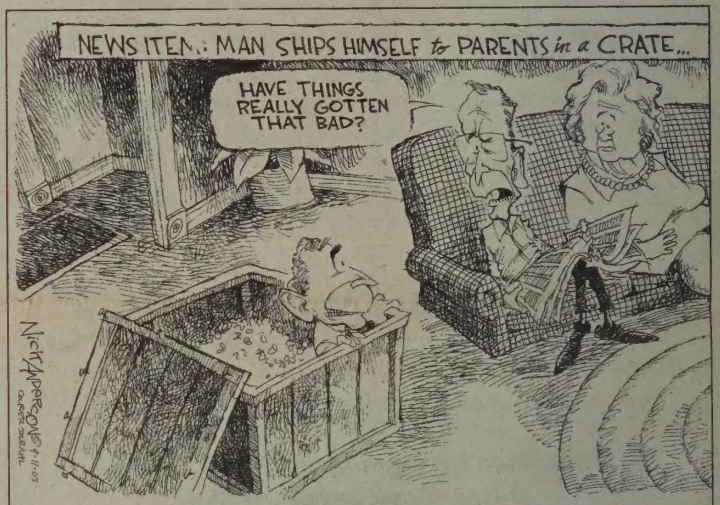
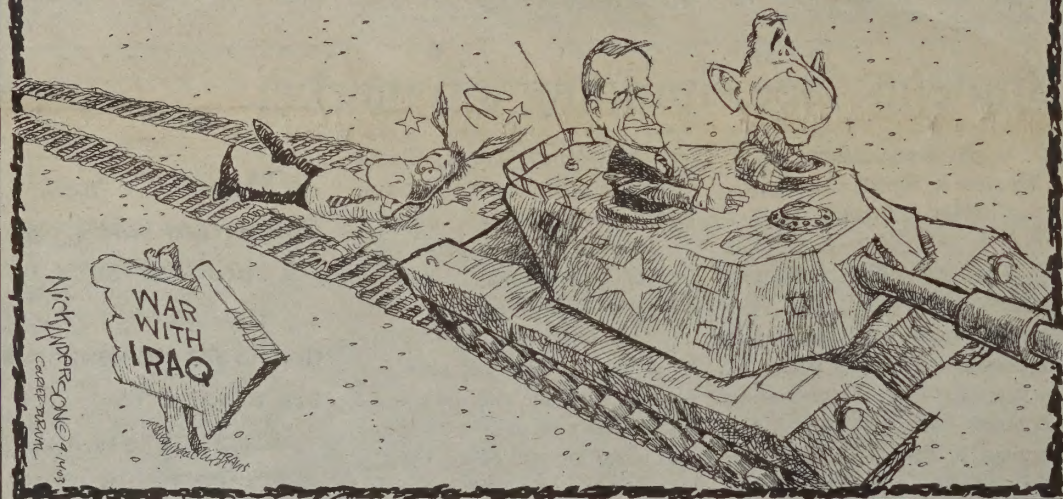
"One of the most important things I think a college graduate can convey to a potential employer is that they do not know all, but they know how to find things out and they expect to go on learning throughout their life," Cobbe said. "If you think about it, there are very, very few occupations where the job has not changed dramatically over the last 10 to 15 years."

News



"Regimes without checks and balances are prone to grave miscalculations."

-Donald Rumsfeld, in a speech to the National Press Club, September 10, 2003



The Democrats' silent majority: Electing a fresh, honest leader in 2004

By Blair Reeves

Cavalier Daily (U. Virginia)

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. – The shock and disgust which the Bush administration's actions over the last three years have caused used to be relegated to the sophisticated, highly educated classes, who predominantly fall squarely on the left side of the political spectrum.

Since this administration's first acts in office (like the United States-imposed "gag rule" against international organizations that counseled women on contraceptive options, including abortion), those with the interest in and luxury of reading in-depth news coverage and keeping up to date on world events have been treated to one example after another of arrogance and greed on the part of the Bush administration and the GOP congressional leadership. But as the Iraqi occupation roils bloodily onward and the economy continues to founder, even the rest of the American public is beginning to

seriously question whether President Bush deserves another term.

Clearly, the answer is no – but electing a fresh, honest leader in 2004 will require more than financial donations to the Democratic candidate: Some important and long-absent members of the American electorate need to appear in the voting booths.

In the great political movie classic "Bulworth," Warren Beatty's character goes to speak to an overflowing crowd at a black church in Harlem. When many congregants angrily demand why they should vote for him, although the federal government has shamefully dragged its feet in addressing critical problems facing large urban centers (and, thus, minority communities), Bulworth, the candidate running for re-election, chuckles and responds, "What are you gonna do – vote Republican?" This sentiment is what Al Sharpton – demagogue, noted civil rights leader, walking bull-

horn, you take your pick – was referring to in last week's Democratic primary debates hosted by the Congressional Black Caucus. Sharpton sounded an ominous warning to the Democratic Party when he cautioned them not to take black voters for granted – because traditionally the party has, in fact, done so.

It's clear that the Democratic Party – the only one with a serious history of standing up for the rights of minorities and women – is the only coherent choice for nonwhite male voters. While often imperfect in its defense and advocacy of issues like urban renewal, economic development and opportunity, practical welfare strategies, affirmative action and Title IX, the Democrats are obviously a better choice for anyone concerned with these issues than the Republicans. But there's actually a good reason why the Democratic Party hasn't worked harder to press these issues; and more broadly, why our political, judicial and legislative systems

are grossly skewed towards benefiting the wealthy.

It's a cliché by now that if minorities voted in commensurate numbers with whites, no Republican – or Republicans as we now know them, like those guardians of popular goodwill and harmony, Trent Lott and Rick Santorum – would ever be elected. While it's a provocative point, the fact remains that the American political atmosphere reflects the opinions of those who take part in it.

As measured by the U.S. Census and every other major monitoring organization, voting rates among minorities are significantly lower than those among whites, and those of poorer citizens as compared to wealthier ones show an even greater gap. In short, poor people and minorities vote in far fewer numbers than more affluent whites (even as a proportion of the population). Why then should we be surprised when this is the demographic least represented in government or when laws are passed that

ignore the poor in lieu of treating the rich (see the Bush tax cut)?

Americans cannot now ignore the fact that the Bush administration blatantly lied to the public and the world about its motivations and rationale for going to war with Iraq; that its massive tax cuts to the wealthy enacted during a recession were grossly unfair, coldhearted and haven't helped the economy; that its enormous underfunding of schools has led to a crisis in local education; that its cuts to a host of public and social services are directly harming the poor and ignoring the needs of minority communities; and generally, that its extensive ties to corporate America have resulted in excesses of cronyism and skewed priorities not seen for a generation. Defeating this agenda of the radical right will depend on all of the Democratic Party's core constituents. It's up to us – and them – to follow through.

–U-Wire

Opinion

Editorial

Premium parking

A little over three weeks ago I arrived on campus and parked my truck in a spot near the 200s Townhouses. I have not moved it since. I don't dare. With the lack of parking places on campus this fall, I'm afraid I'll spend my entire senior year looking for another, if I do leave my spot.

The construction of two new residence halls has cost the campus nearly 80 spaces and added to what many had already considered a sizable problem. Director of Security Peter Soons told campus residents that the parking problem would be a temporary one, lasting for only a year.

Soons also said the loss of parking places between the 200's housing and Cashman Hall would push student parking "that way." From where I was seated it was difficult to see whether he was pointing toward the Tarrant Center or South Burlington. This could be a problem.

Consider this scene, which, occurs every day while students are walking across campus. As they traverse the parking lot, any parking lot, cars slowly creep up from behind. When the driver sees that the students are not headed toward a vehicle, he'll move on with a dirty look and a screech of his tires.

By no means do I claim to have the answers, but someone should have. Instead of a temporary problem, could a temporary solution have been found? Something needs to be done. I know that there is enough room for students to park, but finding a close parking spot is no longer a reality.

The reality is that St. Michael's, in its attempt to improve the campus for the future, has inconvenienced the students who attend the college today. If you don't think the situation is bad now, wait until winter.

Soon the ground will be blanketed with snow, and the growing snow banks will mean even fewer spaces. Parking spaces will be more valuable than a season pass to Stowe. And we haven't even considered the people who are most affected by the shortage.

A popular joke among commuter students is that most would be better off walking to class every day rather than circling the campus endlessly looking for a spot. Visitors and prospective students are not immune to the problem, either.

Maybe the college could create a "Guided Tour of St. Michael's" on tape for prospective students as they drive through campus. Imagine: "To your left is brand new dormitory, all around you is a lack of parking, and just ahead is a bill for \$30,000 a year."

This is the perfect issue for the Student Association to tackle and represent its constituents. Every year the S.A. stands up for its students, and I have no doubt that this year will be different. Let your voices be heard.

This college has developed into a very fine academic center and a beautiful community. It's just too bad no one can park close enough to discover that.

Greg Smith,
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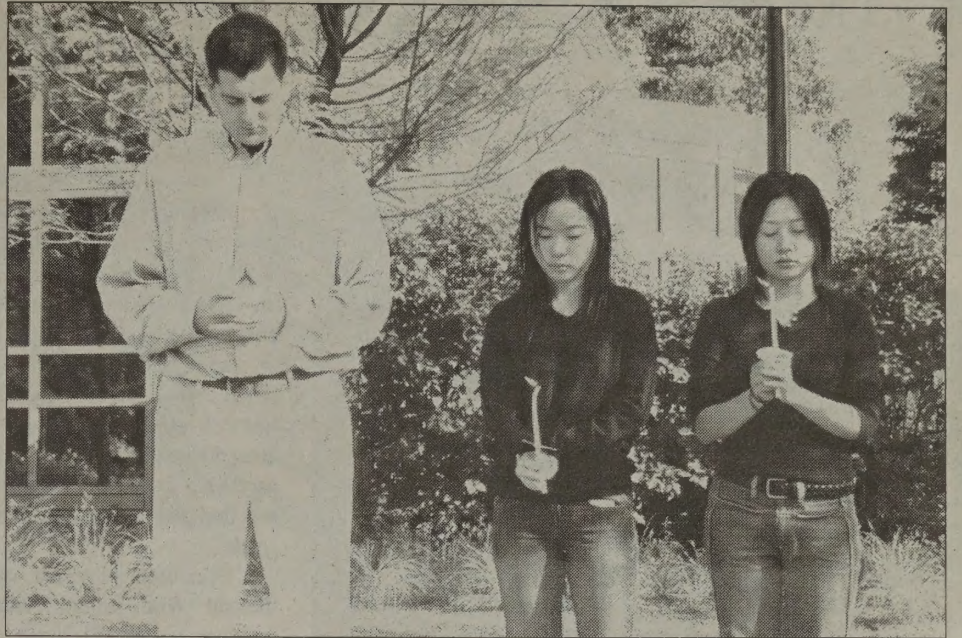


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Members of the St. Michael's community gather for a silent vigil commemorating the second anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. For more photos, see page 9.

What exactly are you getting into, freshmen?

By Morgan Shada

Minnesota Daily (U. Minnesota)

MINNEAPOLIS — Masses of new students have come to the University bearing mini-fridges, white boards and dry-erase pens that will soon be stolen. Their faces joyfully light up at the sight of University Avenue on a Saturday night. Through orientation programs, we welcome them to what the next few years of their lives will look like. But what exactly are we welcoming them to? Will they only resent us in the end?

Will they get to experience the independence of living away from home, the opportunity to plan and unfold their future and the forum of free speech present at college? Living in this expansive city provides unlimited occasions of learning, growing and living a life completely disconnected from your former. The process of door-to-door introduc-

tions in the dorms is a first step in choosing who you will be and whom you will associate with. Unlike any other time in our lives, we have the chance to change ourselves and others. We can finally choose, by ourselves, the direction of our lives.

Will they find themselves discovering University Dining Services food, doing their own laundry and living with the many responsibilities once handled by their parents? The daily grind and stresses of life weigh heavily on undergrads, and especially first years who are unaccustomed to the new pace. The first year of college is one in which growth, excitement and confusion are most present. I would do anything to have the year back, just as ignorant as I was the first time. Living a new life, including all the faults of reality, is only worth the mistakes being made. Without them, life is incomplete.

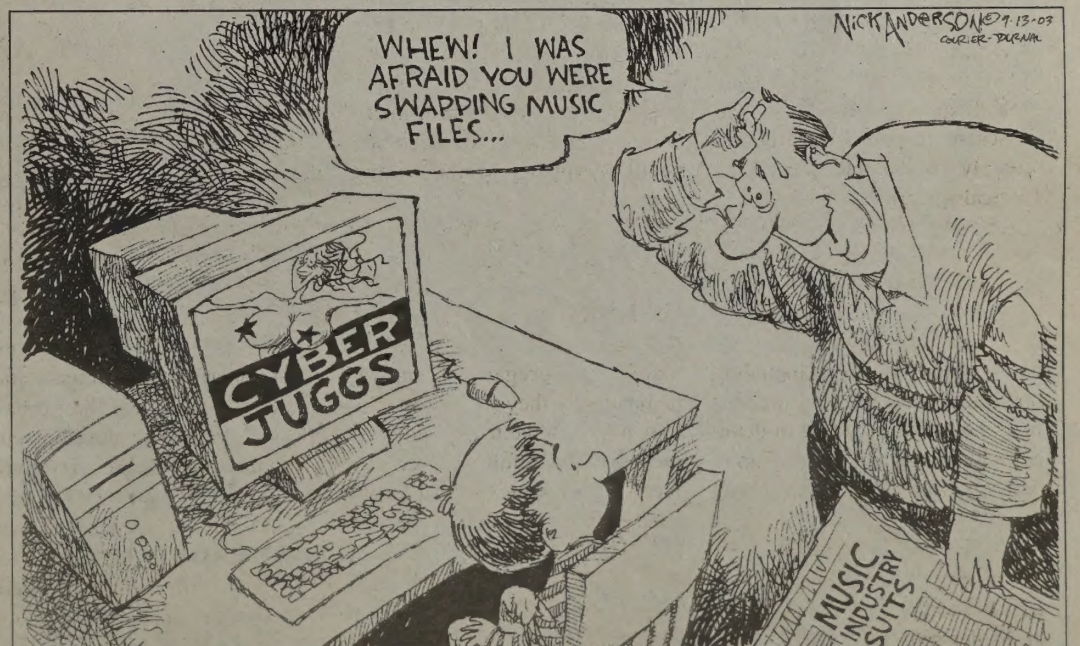
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learned in my first year, I recommend involvement, a positive and open outlook and hard work to new students. Work hard in classes and jobs, but also work hard at making new friends and enjoying all the free time you can. We can only escape reality for so long; pretty soon, we will all have to face additional stresses and a world without the safety net provided by the University. College is the time to not only depend on the safety net, but to learn how to make your own.

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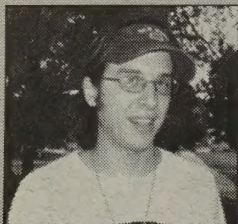
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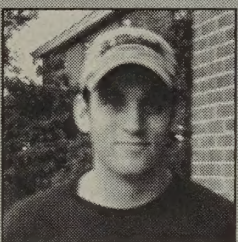
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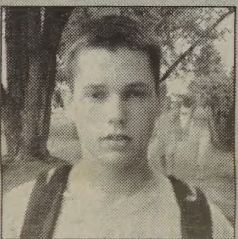
"I don't miss home."

Pat Ormiston, '04



"My dog."

Nick Towne, '05



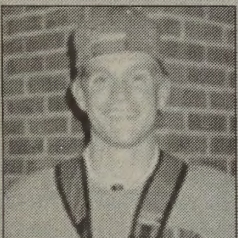
"The beach."

Andrew Dion, '06



"New Jersey diners."

Andrew Kaiser, '06



"Mom's food."

Greg Serve, '05



"I don't really miss it that much."

Eddie Wisdom, '07

Wild Knights lead orientation

Students welcomed with whistles and water balloons

By Liz Logan
Co-News Editor

All students have memories of orientation at St. Michael's College. Perhaps you think of classmates licking pretend ice cream cones while hypnotized on stage. Maybe you vividly remember the screeching whistles at 8 a.m., the seemingly crazed orientation leaders, or partaking in games that you recalled playing back in first grade.

Orientation this year was themed "Wild Knights," which incorporated an '80s twist. Leaders wore costumes of stand-out characters from the '80s, such as Alf, George Michael, and the cast of "Saved by the Bell."

Junior Meg Symington, a member of the orientation team, said they prided themselves on looking "dorky." It's a way to relax the students and make them feel more comfortable.

"All the effort is to just make people smile," Symington said.

The whistlers were blaring, the '80s were rocking, and yes, the hypnotist was back for yet another humorous event.

Orientation this year ran one extra day, going from Aug. 28 to 31. The extra day helped some students to get adjusted, while others felt the fiasco was too drawn out.

First-year student Kristen Walker said orientation is a great way to meet your class and socialize with people who are in the same situation you are. However, she said, at times it can be overwhelming for a new student who is not used to all the chaos.

First-year student Katie Moore said she agreed with Walker that it was fun, but the noise, games and craziness were a bit over the top for her.

"You get out of it what you put in," Symington said, who thought orientation was very positive for the incoming students.

"I felt the kids had a blast. There was even a time when a water balloon was unintentionally thrown at Father Mike, a definite hilarious moment," Symington said.

Symington believes student orientation is one of the college's strongest events.

"We put a lot of effort into



Photo by Ed DiFiglia

First-year students and their parents wait in line for registration. Students prepare to get wild with their orientation leaders.

'We put a lot of effort into keeping students busy as they are undergoing a huge change in their lives.'

Meg Symington, junior, orientation leader

keeping students busy as they are undergoing a huge change in their lives," Symington said.

Symington still keeps in touch with many of the first-year students she had for orientation.

Jennie Cernosia, director of Student Activities, said she was very proud of all the orientation

leaders and all the effort they put in.

"They generated so much positive energy for the first-year students," Cernosia said. She was also impressed with the first year students "they were game for anything," Cernosia said.

One orientation leader, senior Ryan Marceau, received an appreciation letter from a first-year student thanking him for all his hard work and saying the experience made her transition to St. Michael's a lot easier.

Marceau said the orientation was positive, "I think the students were shocked by how energetic we were but a good shock," Marceau said.

Marceau explained whether they loved the experience or hated it, they all had something to talk about which enabled them to get connected together as a class.

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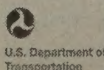
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Silence on Sept. 11

Members of the St. Michael's community gathered together Thursday, Sept. 11, in a silent vigil commemorating the second anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

Students, staff, faculty and members of Campus Ministry joined together in the circle between the chapel and the Hoehl Center.

The atmosphere was one of reflection, as the participants stood with lighted candles and

remembered the tragic events of two years ago.

Similar observances were held all over the world. From Major League Baseball to the New York Stock Exchange, every group had its own way of remembering.

Those who lost their lives on that terrible day will not be forgotten.

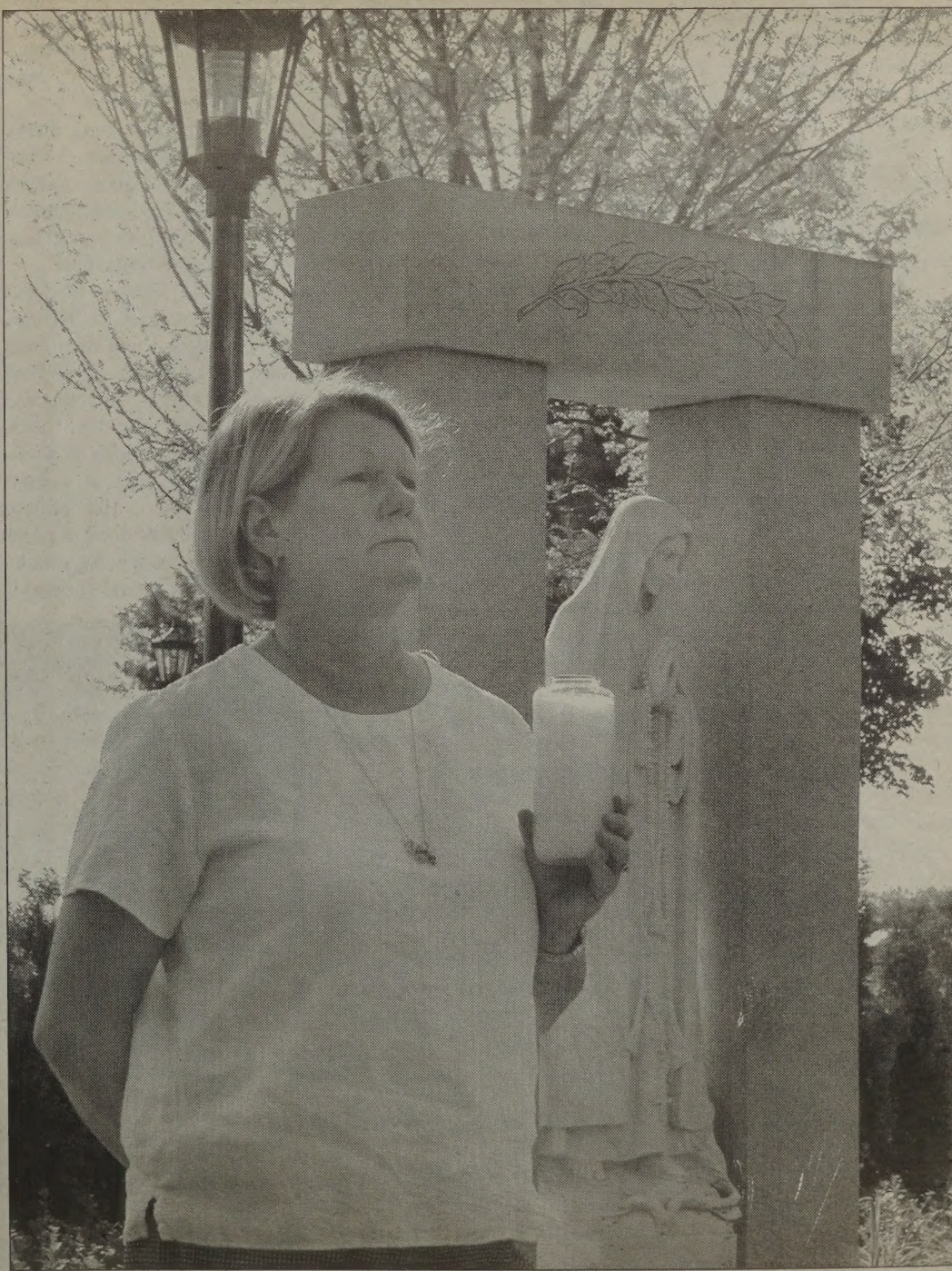
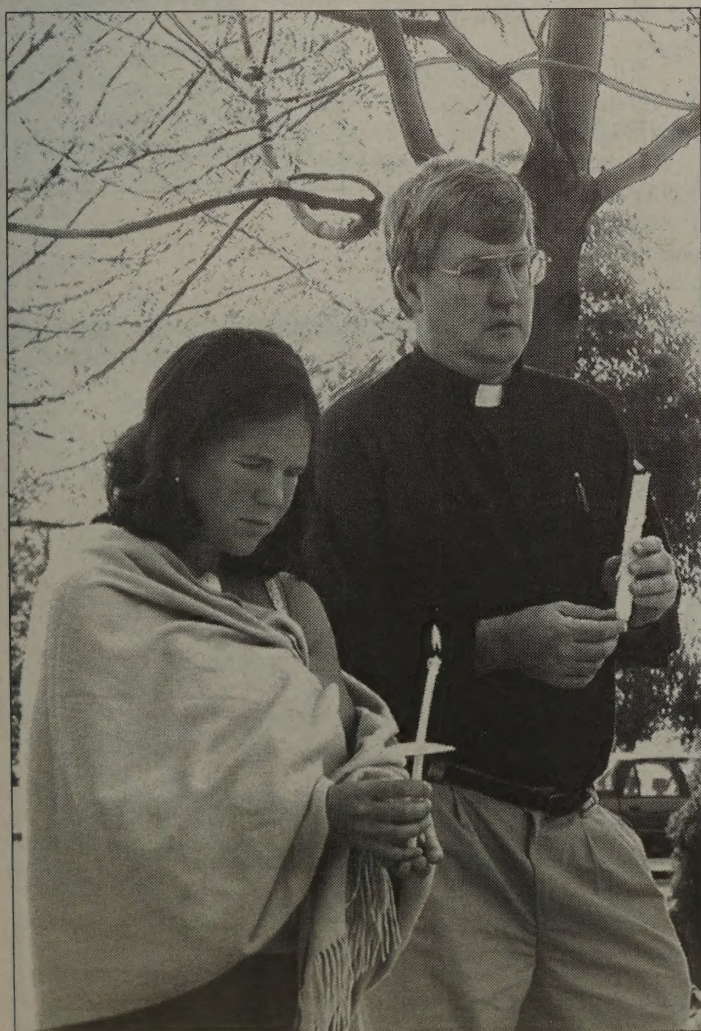
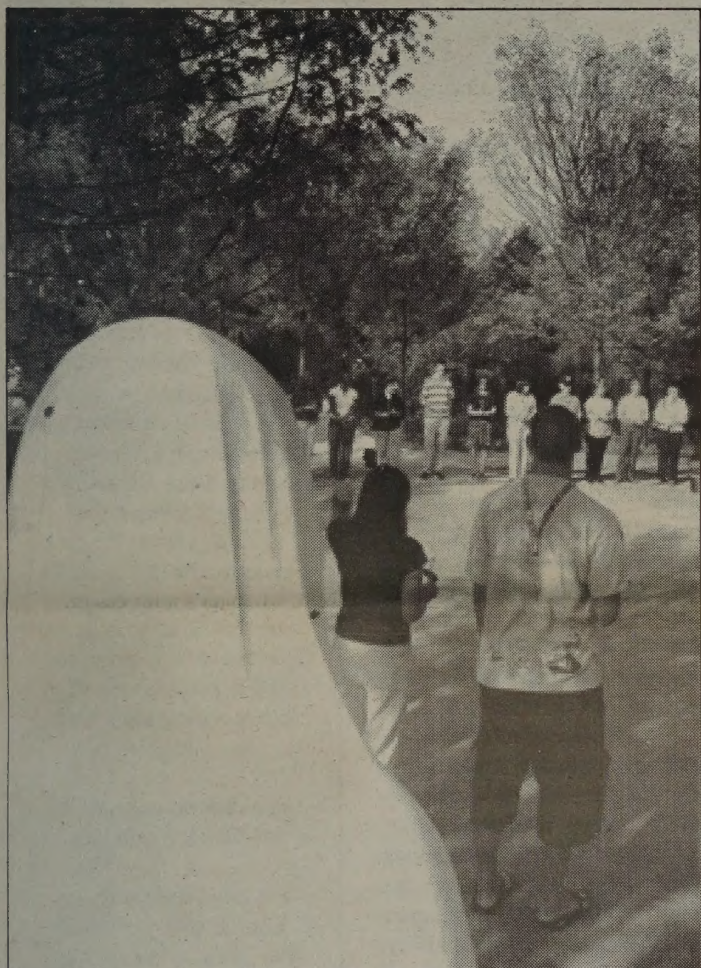
Above: Members of the St. Michael's community gather in

a silent vigil on Sept. 11.

Left: The silent vigil was held in the circle between the Chapel and the Hoehl Center.

Bottom left: The Rev. Michael Cronogue, SSE, and Kelley Mahar of Campus Ministry stand together in reflection.

Below: Jennie Cernosia, director of Student Activities, holds a candle at the silent vigil.



Features

Study abroad at its height this fall

Many students still going abroad despite lackluster economy

By Rebecca Rudeen
Staff Writer

Despite a weak economy that has caused some students facing financial hardship to drop out of the program, the Study Abroad program at St. Michael's is sending 115 students abroad this semester; the most ever, according to Study Abroad director Kelly Cullins.

This semester, the most popular destinations for students are Mexico, Ireland, Australia and Italy. St. Michael's is also sending its first students to Belize, Nicaragua, Jamaica, mainland China and the Balkans. Students returning from their spring semester abroad went to places such as Vietnam, Japan and France. Some even spent their semester at sea.

The Study Abroad Office recently moved from St. Edmund's Hall, where it has been for the past eight years, to the Klein Academic Enrichment Commons, the former home of the Welcome Center. Cullins understands the purpose of the move, which was to help consolidate academic departments in St. Edmund's, but she hopes things will pick up once people get to know the new location and its amenities.

"At the moment, there's a drop in foot traffic," Cullins said.

The fall semester has been touted as being a better semester to study abroad than spring.

"We're encouraging students to go abroad in the fall semester to ease crowding in residence halls and classes in the fall," Cullins said.

To help encourage students, the spring housing discount was recently increased from \$1,000 to \$1,500, which is applied to housing costs for the student's return semester.

The college also pays for airfare and any study abroad-related fees. Compared to the cost of tuition, room and board for one semester, a semester abroad costs about the same as a semester at home.

To encourage more fall travel, a limit was set on the number of students who would be allowed to study abroad in the spring semester. Only 50 slots are available for those wishing to apply for the spring.

It is not a plan for putting a limit on the total number of students who go abroad, Cullins said.

"It was really a financial and housing decision, not a lack of financial support," she said.

Even with the support the college offers, many students have reconsidered their plans because of finances.

"I know of probably 10 students who have either canceled going abroad in the fall or have talked to me about how hard financially it is for those who have had one parent that had been laid off from work," Cullins said.

For those who went abroad, studying in another country is an experience that was worth the trouble. Senior Sarah Jackson spent a semester in Thessaloniki at the American School in

'We're encouraging students to go abroad in the fall semester to ease crowding in residence halls and classes in the fall.'

Kelly Cullins,
director of Study Abroad

Greece, studying psychology and Greek.

"I didn't think it was hard to go I think it was hard once I got there," Jackson said. The hardest part for her was "realizing that it was like freshman year all over again," she said. "You had to meet different people and make new friendships, which is exciting but hard when you're adapting to such a different place."

In her spare time, Jackson went shopping and sightseeing, and vacationed in Italy and Crete. She also took train rides to meet another St. Michael's student who was studying in Athens. "[It] was unbelievable," she said as she related the experience of riding for seven hours overnight in cramped, smoke-filled cars.

Senior Michael O'Brien spent his semester at the National University of Ireland in Galway. The choice to study in Ireland was easy, O'Brien said. "I was sold on Ireland from day one," O'Brien said. "Never thought of going anywhere else."

Initially, he had his doubts about studying abroad.

"I wasn't sure it was right for me because I had a very stressful fall semester and I didn't know where my life was headed," he said. Now that he's back, the experience was "the best thing I've ever done. No regrets at all."

One of his most memorable moments abroad was celebrating his 21st birthday at a pub in Galway "with all the Irish lads and lasses," O'Brien said. "I just wanted to have my birthday there because of my heritage."

Aside from traditional programs at established colleges and universities, there are also many



Photo provided by Jen Butson

Senior Jen Butson, who studied in New Zealand during the spring semester, took this photo during a trip to the Coromandel Peninsula on the northern island of New Zealand.

opportunities that allow education without walls - a total immersion experience in another culture.

Senior Angela Madonia spent her semester abroad in Ghana, traveling throughout the country with the Brattleboro-based School of International Training's Arts and Culture in Ghana program.

Leaving home was one of the most difficult parts, Madonia said, especially when the destination was a Third World country.

"My mom was so nervous," Madonia said. "She didn't think I was coming back alive."

Traveling to Ghana meant numerous vaccinations. Even with inoculations, many students studying with Madonia contracted malaria. Madonia herself was sick for 10 days while there.

While in Ghana, Madonia traveled the country for lectures and discussions about traditional music, arts and crafts. Toward the end of her visit, she embarked on a fieldwork project in which she chronicled working in traditional pottery with a woman named Comfort. Her project described conversations she had with Comfort about being a traditional potter in a modern world,

and the way the people in her village lived. The people used what they had the way they had for hundreds of years.

Spending time by herself was one of the hardest parts of being in a country where Madonia was the minority.

"You can never escape being white when you're there," Madonia said. "You were always being approached by everyone."

She found the people of Ghana to be kind and generous and always appreciative of people who have learned the language.

As for recommending a non-traditional program, "there are so many interesting programs that aren't 'regular,'" Madonia said.

Students who have returned home say they are overwhelmingly satisfied with their experiences abroad, and are always ready to share their experiences with those who want to take the plunge.

"I think traveling is one of the best things anybody can do," O'Brien said.

"Seeing new places and meeting new people and living in an entirely different culture is something that opens your eyes to the world."

The Study Abroad Office has moved

The Study Abroad Office is now located in Klein 118, in the building between St. Edmund's Hall and the McCarthy Arts Center.

Hours are from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., Monday-Friday.

The deadline to apply for spring 2004 is Oct. 15. Space is extremely limited.

The deadline to apply for fall 2004 is Feb. 10.

For more information, contact Kelly Cullins at Ext. 2222 or e-mail her at kcullins@smcvt.edu.

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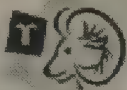
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ARIES: (March 21-April 19)

You are motivated to work hard this week, so hit the library and get ahead in your school-work.


TAURUS: (April 20-May 20)

You have an adventurous spirit this week. Hike Camels Hump to satisfy your adventurous side.


GEMINI: (May 21-June 20)

Make a gutsy decision this week and you'll be happy with the results.


CANCER: (June 21-July 22)

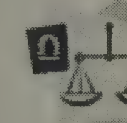
Your roller coaster relationship should simmer down by the end of the week and solidify into something real.


LEO: (July 23-Aug. 22)

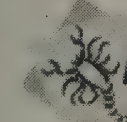
Follow your instincts when making an important decision this week.


VIRGO: (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

This week you're motivated to do something kind for others, so volunteer for a good cause.


LIBRA: (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Although you feel disheveled and out of place right now, it will all come together by the end of the week.


SCORPIO: (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

You've been busy but try not to forget about family and distant friends. Make sure you keep in touch.


SAGITTARIUS: (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Get out of a dead-end relationship. You're comfortable where you are but it's just not right for you.


CAPRICORN: (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

You need to get out and make new friends this week.


AQUARIUS: (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Try something new this week. You'll be happy about the results.


PISCES: (Feb. 19-March 20)

You've been running around trying to please everyone. Take some time for yourself and just relax.

Students save on textbooks through eBay, Half.com

By Jennifer Emel
The Daily Aztec
(San Diego State U.)

SAN DIEGO – Students use them to cut down on expenses, and bookstores use them to beef up inventories. The trend keeps growing as more and more college students are turning away from the traditional college bookstore and purchasing their textbooks from online marketplaces.

One such source, www.Half.com, an eBay company, currently lists more than 160 million items for sale – 90 million of which are college textbooks. The average estimated price of a used textbook at a college campus bookstore is \$60.17, while the average sales price of a textbook on www.Half.com is just \$24.57 a savings of more than \$35.

Current bookstore prices list a San Diego State Economics 101 textbook for \$73.45 new and \$58.76 used. The textbook can be

found on the Web site for \$15.99. An SDSU computer science textbook listed in the campus bookstore for \$101.45 new and \$81.16 used can be purchased for \$42.20 on www.Half.com.

"Half.com beats the rising costs of textbooks with an average savings of at least 60 percent," Mike Aufrecht, vice president of the Web site and eBay's entertainment categories, said.

According to industry data from the National Association of College Stores Inc., the estimated spending by college students on books and supplies during 2003 is \$1,528.

"Half.com offers fixed prices where it is just as easy to purchase textbooks as it is to sell them," eBay spokesperson Dave Feller said. "When using Half.com all one has to do is type the ISBN or UPC and list the current condition of the book."

ISBN and UPC codes are unique catalog numbers that identify a particular item. They can usually be found on the back

cover of a textbook.

Buyers can also search for textbooks by subject, title, author or keyword. Shipping costs are fixed and paid for by the seller, but reimbursed by www.Half.com.

The Web site was launched in July 1999 as an entrepreneurial endeavor by Joshua Kopelman, a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School. The site was acquired by eBay in July 2000 and the staff quickly grew from 40 to about 130. The Web site's broad selection of new and used products includes music, movies, video games, computers, electronics, sporting goods and more. The company bills the buyer 15 percent and pays the seller, which means there's no danger that a seller will have to grapple with a bounced check.

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Arts & Entertainment

Nightlife on a five-spot

Local bars and restaurants cater to shoestring budgets

By Jen Butson
Staff Writer

It's 6:15 p.m. Lecture felt like a year, and gnawing on a pen is never satisfying. The fridge is brimming with condiments, moldy hot dog buns and fermented Gatorade. Your stomach is whining for some attention; your head insists that cooking is far too demanding.

We've all been here before. The only rational conclusion is to eat out. But wait, textbook costs sucked your wallet dry. That work-study paycheck won't be in for two weeks, and starvation is not an option.

For income-impaired college people, cheap eats never looked so good. Ranging from pizza to pad-Thai, the Burlington area offers an array of budget-friendly dinners each night of the week. Of course, for those with a hankering for an economical nightlife, nothing washes down that \$2 entree better than a \$1 draft.

"It's about where your friends are, and most of our friends are broke," Maureen Cacioppo said.

Pizza is the ultimate staple, whether for breakfast or a late-night snack. Fortunately, there are plenty of craving accommodations in town. Starting with arcades and mini golf, Pizza Putt in South Burlington offers a Monday special: all-you-can-eat pizza for \$3.

Any hungry St. Michael's student need not go far for the ultimate in pizza bargains. Winooski's own McKee's offers fine deals. Every Wednesday, along with nightlong \$1 drafts, this fine establishment has free Junior's Pizza after 10 p.m.

When traveling across the Winooski River, there is Mr. Mike's and Manhattan Pizza. Both have buffet and meal specials under \$6. While downtown, Big Daddy's is open until 3 a.m. with pie by the slice.

If pizza is not a priority, R.J.'s can calm another craving. Wings are free every Friday. Every day of the week, you can find \$4 meals, hearty nachos and \$2 drafts.



St. Michael's women sample the Biltmore Grill's \$2 margaritas over a game of pool.



St. Michael's seniors Jannelle Berte, Chris Knowles and Michelle Zanconato get together for drinks Thursday evening at the Biltmore.

What Ales You is already the unofficial headquarters of many St. Michael's undergraduates, known for its \$1 drafts Sunday through Wednesday and free wings on Friday.

"Seniors need to go where the deals are because that's where the people are," senior Chris Knowles said.

For a more local atmosphere,

Papa Frank's is in downtown Winooski. This busy place deals out pesto calzones for under \$6, an array of \$4 pastas and carafes under \$13.

If you're in the mood for a healthful snack, Vermont Pub and Brewery offers salads and sandwiches from \$2 to \$5, with the Bird's Nest, a mashed potato covered portabella with a demi-

the crowds next door at Biltmore Grill's \$1 draft night.

Friday: On Main Street in Burlington, get free wings at R.J.'s and follow up with a free laugh at J.P.'s with karaoke all night.

Saturday: Recoup from the week with New World Tortilla or relax with a beer sampler at the Vermont Pub and Brewery.

Sunday: Catch up on football at any pub around; cheap beer flows as freely as the sports talk.



All Photos by Jen Butson

Justin Barrell shows off his best air-guitar at the Biltmore Grill on Thursday night.

'Cheap drinks equals cheap fun.'

Senior Justin Barrell

salad, at \$5.25. Also, the VPB is a brewery specializing in beer sample trays.

Increasingly packed on Thursday nights is the Biltmore Grill, with its imperial chairs, antique bicycles, musical horn chandelier and \$1 drafts.

Senior Justin Barrell summed it up, "Cheap drinks equals cheap fun."

When craving Asian food, Pacific Rim is reliable in quality and cost. Mains ranging from tofu to beef can be found for \$6. Leung Chat's offers massive por-

tions that easily feed two adults.

Mexican is hard to find in Burlington, but Coyote Cafe and New World Tortilla are worth looking for. Coyote offers pricier fajitas, but also has daily drink specials, free chips and \$4 appetizers. New World makes meals exactly to order and its burritos are forearm-sized.

Hidden in Wine Works are beer specials with Vermont ales under \$3. Also, this classier establishment has unique cocktails and a small but worthwhile selection of appetizers around \$5.

Even when filled to the brim, dessert can never be forgotten. Trattoria Delia has pricey entrees, but it does offer an intimate atmosphere and a nicely priced goblet of tiramisu. When craving something simple, the Burlington Bay Market and Cafe serves \$1 creemeees. And any dessert out on the town beats the frost-burned mystery glop lurking under your ice cube tray.



Senior Keith Mercurio chats with his friend the bartender Thursday night at the Biltmore Grill.

The Weekly Rundown

Monday: Play a game of mini golf and eat \$3 pizza at Pizza Putt on Airport Road in South Burlington.

Tuesday: Enjoy \$1 drafts at What Ales You and dessert next door at Trattoria Delia.

Wednesday: In Winooski, stroll to Papa Frank's for red wine and McKee's for pool, darts and free pizza.

Thursday: Eat stir-fry at Pacific Rim and enjoy

Arts & Entertainment

Train arrives in October at Ross Sports Center

By Craig Hagedorn
Staff Writer

Train will headline this year's annual fall concert at St. Michael's College on Oct. 9 at the Ross Sports Center.

The Grammy-winning San Francisco band is coming off a summer tour in promotion of its new album released in June, "My Private Nation."

Jennifer Cernosia, director of Student Activities, along with other members of Student Activities, is confident that Train will draw big numbers this October.

"One thing we learned about last year was that you need to book someone who's marketable, a band with a new hit or new album. Blues Traveler was still running on success from five or six years ago."

Train's latest single, "Calling All Angels" is in the Top 25 on the U.S. Billboard chart, and "Drops of Jupiter (Tell Me)" went No. 1 on the platinum album of that title in 2001.

"They're definitely the most mainstream band St. Mike's has had since I've been here," junior Rob Hunter said, "but, it's still not the type of music you first think of when targeting college kids."

Cernosia and her student assistant, junior Caitlin Reen, are not worried. Reen receives a lot of feedback each year from students regarding who the

If you go

Date: Oct. 9

Tickets: Available at the Campus Bookstore.

Cost: \$18 with SMC ID
\$25 without ID

college booked.

"It's impossible to please everyone. Last year, even if we had chosen The Roots, we still would have had people complain. I think Train has something that appeals to everyone."

Cernosia said that in the past, even for the most successful shows at Ross, they rely heavily on general public ticket sales just as much, if not more, than on student sales.

"The most we ever get from students sales are usually around 1,000," she said. "A band like Train should attract good general public sales, especially with the marketing we've gotten from local radio stations and newspapers."

Tickets for the general public are sold at the Flynn Center for the Performing Arts. Radio stations WXXX-FM (95.5) and WIZN-FM (106.7) have already featured ads for the concert, and advertisements for the event are due to appear in The Burlington Free Press and Seven Days.

CD REVIEW: Mayer reveals personal views on new album

By Alyson Goff
U. South Carolina

Over the past few years, many young music listeners have outgrown their taste for bubble-gum pop and evolved into fans of singer/songwriters. While detrimental to the Mouseketeer artists and their bank accounts, this has been good news for those such as John Mayer.

Mayer, who in the beginning of his career had his songs often mistaken as tunes from the Dave Matthews Band, has earned his own spot on the music scene and developed a loyal fan base, well aware of his songs' origins. Now, with his third album, "Heavier Things," Mayer is going deeper than ever before.

The new album is quite a switch from his smash-hit "Room For Squares," which catapulted him into stardom. The term "stardom" is not often associated with singer/songwriters, but celebrity hasn't watered down Mayer's writing or his music production. Instead, it appears to have only strengthened his confidence - "Heavier Things" reveals a more personal side of Mayer.

While many will prefer "Room For Squares" for the simple fact that they know the lyrics better, the latest album will be no surprise for those who have been following Mayer since 1999. However, many will be attracted to Mayer's many guitar solos and varying lyrical range on "Heavier Things."

As the title explains, this album is more personal than Mayer has ever been before. The first single, "Bigger Than My Body,"

explains his desire to be "so damn much more" and his willingness to make a legacy for himself. Another song that shows a glimpse into the songwriter's world is "Home Life." The song expresses Mayer's desire for a quiet, simple life and his theory on marriage - "I will marry just once / And if it doesn't work out / Give her half of my stuff / It's fine with me."

The next song on the album may be familiar to many of Mayer's fans. "Something's Missing" isn't a new song for the singer, who has been playing it for some time.

A standout on the album is "Come Back To Bed," which Mayer has described as "self-indulgent." Featuring a saxophone, the song is one of the most diverse on the album.

On the romantic side, "Only Heart" is an upbeat song in which Mayer tries to convince his love of his commitment. "If you think my up and leaving's something I'm gonna do / Feel my chest when I look at you."

The album finishes with "Wheel," which is an ingenious look at the continuous circle of love. The song explains, "Where someone's last goodbye / Blends in with someone's sigh / Cause someone's coming home / In hand a single rose."

Sales will most likely surpass those of Mayer's first two albums and rightly so. "Heavier Things" is a more complex and more challenging album, and Mayer executes it flawlessly.

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Columns

A war against the poor

It seems the “stupid white men” – if I may borrow a term from author and filmmaker Michael Moore – in Washington have again snubbed the underprivileged.



**MATTHEW
A.M. LASH
Lashing Out**

President George Bush revealed recently that he will ask Congress for \$87 billion to cover military operations in Iraq and Afghanistan. Bush's plea for cash occurred just as the U.S. Census Bureau, in its American Community Survey, reported that the sluggish economy has sent more than 1.3 million more people – half of whom were children – into poverty.

In 2001, 12.1 percent of our

population (33.4 million people) lived in poverty. That number inflated to 12.4 percent (34.8 million people) in 2002. Most alarmingly, 17 percent of the nation's children were impoverished in 2002.

That is more than 12 million American children living in a poor family.

Ponder that whopper for a moment.

Many lawmakers in Washington apparently have not. This is evident because the plight

of the disadvantaged in the United States remains on the back burner behind tax cuts and terrorism. A well-paying job is not available to much of the working poor. These folks are often stuck working for meager pay at Wal-Mart, while steady manufacturing jobs are disappearing. Yet, the House recently approved a 2.2 percent “cost-of-living” pay hike for Congress. This means that representatives could each garner more than \$154,000 in 2003. It baffles me why Congress is entitled to a raise that many poor Americans would greatly cherish.

The Bush administration, in a move that has been severely underreported, wants to strip

The Bush administration, in a move that has been severely underreported, wants to strip Americans of their right to overtime pay.

Americans of their right to overtime pay. Bush's Labor Department wants to alter the Fair Labor Standards Act, broadening the overtime pay guidelines in the law. The Economic Policy Institute reported that as many as 8 million workers will

be harmed by the changes made by the Labor Department.

Overtime pay has been a welcome addition to a large portion of the American work force for many years. Yet, our politicians – whether they are in the executive or legislative branch – continually undercut average Americans. Our president wants to bolster a war on terror with \$87 billion and our legislators signed off on two mega tax cuts since 2000.

Apparently, the war is not wiping out supposed terrorists in Iraq. Instead, it is ravaging poor and working-class people right here in the United States.

Calendar

WEDNESDAY

September 17

FlynnArts classes for children, teens and adults. Professional instructors teach people in performing arts. Beginners as well as the more advanced are encouraged to attend. There is a lot of one-on-one attention and in-depth exploration. Classes are held in two studios at Flynn Center and run through Dec. 13, 2003. Register by calling 652-4548. Flynn Center for Performing Arts, 153 Main St., Burlington.

Robert Walter's 20th Congress.

Walter brings his jazz-funk keyboarding act to town. He has toured all over North America and Europe with the Greyboy All Stars. Walter has worked with notable jazz performers like Fred Wesley, Melvin Sparks, Andy Bey and Reuben Wilson. Will Bernard will be the special guest on guitar. The show is at 9:30 p.m. at Club Metronome. Tickets are \$9 in advance and \$11 the day of the show.

THURSDAY

September 18

Sage Francis with Source Unknown.

Francis is a proven battler on the hip-hop circuit. He is the 1999 Superbowl Emcee Battle champ and the 2000 Scribble Jam Battle winner. He is the first rapper to sign with Epitaph Records, a well-known punk label. Source Unknown, a local group, open. Tickets are \$8. Show starts at 9:30 p.m. at Club Metronome. 21 + ID required.

FRIDAY

September 19

The Samples. The Samples bring a jazz-pop sound to the

stage. The band is credited with opening doors for folks like The Dave Matthews Band and Lisa Loeb. The Samples have gone on more than 250 road tours. The show is at 9:30 p.m. at Club Metronome. Tickets are \$11 in advance and \$13.50 the day of the show.

Badfish. This group is billed as the “ultimate Sublime tribute band.” Suspect perform. Tickets are \$10. Doors open at 8 p.m. at Higher Ground. All ages.

SATURDAY

September 20

Seeds of Peace organization program. This program brings together youth from “warring countries before fear, mistrust, and prejudice permanently shape their vision of the ‘enemy.’” Tim Wilson, the Seeds of Peace international camp director, and several former campers will share their stories. Seeds of Peace promotes respect, trust, and communication. The program is appropriate for middle school, high school and college students and adults. This program is free and is at the McCarthy Arts Center. 654-2536.

John Valby, also known as Dr. Dirty.

Valby plays the piano while singing his humorous brand of music. Come to this event for a lot of laughter. Tickets are \$13 in advance and \$15 the day of the show. Doors open at 8 p.m. at Higher Ground. 18+.

Retronome. This is a 1970s and 1980s dance party at Club Metronome. Tickets are \$2.

Vermont Fiction Live. The Vermont Stage Company actors read material from some of Vermont's finest authors. This event begins VSC's 10th season. The event is at the Flynn Center mainstage at 7:30 p.m., but you

can arrive early for a silent auction. Tickets are \$25.

“The Echoes Go Hollywood.”

The Champlain Echoes, a local female babershop chorus, sing songs made famous in movies from the 1930s on up. The show is at 2 p.m. and again at 8 p.m. at the Flynn Center. Tickets are \$7 for the matinee and \$10 for the evening showing.

SUNDAY

September 21

Vermont Youth Orchestra.

The VYO play music from “The Lord of the Rings.” Flutist Ben Stafford and cellist Eric Wright will be the featured soloists. The show is at the Flynn Center mainstage at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$5 for students.

The Pernice Brothers with Peter Bruntnell. Fresh off the release of a third album, “Yours, Mine and Ours,” the group comes to Club Metronome with The Brilliant Mistakes. Tickets are \$10.

MONDAY

September 22

The Governor's Table. Former Vermont Gov. Madeleine Kunin will hold her weekly roundtable. Students, faculty and staff are encouraged to attend. This event is in the Alliot Student Center's cafeteria at noon.

TUESDAY

September 23

Antibalas Afrobeat Orchestra. Having more than 14 members, the band has a distinct political tinge. Lots of funky beats and breaks. Doors open at 7 p.m. at Higher Ground. Tickets are \$12 in advance and \$14 the day of show. 18+.

Coming soon



Photo courtesy of the Flynn Center

“Rent,” one of the most famous musicals of all time, comes to the Flynn Center at 8 p.m. Oct. 4 and 7 p.m. Oct. 5. “Rent” is set in the East Village of New York City and has garnered the Tony for best musical as well as the Pulitzer Prize for drama. Tickets range from \$40 to \$50.

WEDNESDAY

September 24

Madeleine Kunin on Gender and Leadership. Former U.S. Ambassador and Vermont Gov. Kunin speaks at noon in the St. Michael's College International Commons. The talk is free and open to the public.

Submissions

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Sports

Athlete of the Week: Michelle Patts

Senior
Sociology
Field Hockey

Home: Duxbury, Mass.

High School: Duxbury High School

Started Playing: Freshman year of high school

Favorite high school sport memory: Scoring the winning tournament goal against Sandwich High School.

Why SMC: I wanted a small



school and I was interested in the field hockey program.

Team Strength: We all love

the sport and get along well.

Best SMC memory: Winning all of our overtime games last season.

In your free time: Rollerblade and hang out with my friends.

Plans for after graduation: Work as an event planner in Hingham, Mass.

Hopes for this season: To go to Nationals and win the NE-10 Tournament.

Knight Writer

Can curse be broken? Red Sox in similar situation

It has been 85 years since Red Sox fans have filled the streets of Boston cheering for the championship that their hometown heroes had just brought home. Some say it is the "Curse of the Bambino," but whatever it is, it leaves Red Sox fans always looking over their shoulder waiting for something to happen.

This season is no different for Boston. They find themselves currently in second place behind the New York Yankees. Four games back and two games ahead in the wild card race is an all too familiar position for the Red Sox. The tradition is deep rooted in the heart of the game itself. When Fenway

Park opened in 1912, it set the stage for what was to come. That year the Red Sox posted their best record to date, which was 105 wins and 47 losses.

Names from the past such as, Carlton Fisk, Ted Williams, and Babe Ruth paved the way for today's greats of the game. In the early years like 1916 or 1918, the Red Sox were unbeatable. With their power and strength behind No. 9, fans cheered in glory for the banners that hung with championship pride. The curse began with the trade of Ruth after the 1918 season.

Today, Fenway is filled with

Some say it is the "Curse of the Bambino," but whatever it is, it leaves Red Sox fans always looking over their shoulder waiting for something to happen.

the echoes of the past and the hopes for the future. Players such as Nomar Garciaparra, Manny Ramirez and Pedro Martinez play under the same lights each night trying to make this the year the curse is broken.

The rivalry between Red Sox and Yankee fans is as old as the game itself. This season marks its 100th year. In the last five years the Sox have fallen short to the Yankees each season. Still, the rivalry fuels the game and the tradition.

So fans are left waiting and watching, wondering if the curse will continue or if this will be the year to bring the glory back to Boston. Fans will continue to wear their caps and buy their tickets. Each game they hope that a new piece can be added to a legacy that is one of baseball's finest.



JESSICA
HANCHETTE
Sports
Editor

Wearing two hats

Laster hired as director of Multicultural Student Affairs and assistant women's basketball coach

By Jessica Hanchette
Sports Editor

For 27 years the St. Michael's women's basketball program has been comprised of an all female staff. This year marks a change to that trend, as Corey Laster takes on the women's assistant coach position. He is also the new director of Multicultural Student Affairs. Laster comes from Indiana and has much experience in both areas. He graduated from Taylor University with a degree in counseling.

During his time at Taylor, Laster completed an internship with Student Development. After graduating he stayed at Taylor working as a part of Student Activities, intramural coordinator and as a multicultural recruiter. Laster started and directed the Multicultural Affairs program at Taylor for eight years.

Laster also played basketball during his college years. He then became the assistant men's coach for three years before taking the head women's basketball coaching position in 1999. He welcomes the challenge of coaching women and he recognizes the differences in coaching men and women.

"I respect the women's game. It has come a long way," Laster said.

He joins new head coach Jen Niebling, who is a former player at the University of Vermont. Together with assistant coach Margot Flemming, the staff is trying to get a handle on the talent it has.

Laster and Niebling look to blend their philosophies and strategies to push the fundamentals of the game to this year's team.

"With new players and new coaches there is a lot of optimism, but we also want to remain



Photo by Jacob Shumway.

Corey Laster, the new director of Multicultural Student Affairs and assistant women's basketball coach, helps a student in his office.

realistic," Laster said. "We are all committed to doing what needs to be done to become successful."

As the first male assistant coach in the program's history, Laster is aware of how to motivate his players. "I am very supportive of the women's game and women coaches," Laster said. "This experience helps to get me out of my comfort zone and it teaches me the importance of taking a back seat."

The players say they welcome the new staff and are awaiting the preseason.

"It will be great for the team," junior Nia Campos said. "He understands the game, and coach Laster and coach Niebling working together is a great balance."

Laster feels that differences that are kept in mind help to foster patience. This lesson is one that he relates not only to basketball but also to his new role as the director of Multicultural Student Affairs. Laster wants to strengthen the program, increase efforts, and plan programs. He is focused on helping students become more aware of multicultural

affairs and he wants to provide students with the skills they need to operate with other cultures.

Tyrone Walker, '06, has worked with Laster in the first few weeks of school, and looks forward to what he will bring to St. Michael's.

"He is a doer and a great programmer," Walker said. "He is just being himself. He isn't trying to fill any shoes or be anybody else."

The MLK Society plans to bring back the group from Selma, Ala., that performed here last school year.

Laster wants all of the St. Michael's community to become involved. Various professors and the Women's Center will provide students with lectures and film series to help give students relevant cultural experiences throughout the school year.

He encourages all students to connect with his office. Laster plans on bringing some pleasant changes in all areas to the St. Michael's community.

Laster has a wife, Holly, of eight years and two sons.

Weekend Highlights

Field Hockey beat Stonehill 3-2, in a meeting that marked the forth consecutive one-goal victory. The winning shot came from senior Michelle Patts off an assist from senior Jilby Danis. The team now sits at 3-3 (2-2 NE-10).

Volleyball won, 3-0 and 3-1, this weekend in the Middlebury Tournament. The team defeated Green Mountain College and Middlebury College in the championship game. The team is now 4-4 (0-0 NE-10). Senior Katie Herb accounted for eight kills and 15 aces in the matches against Green Mountain. The team faces off in its first conference game against UMass-Lowell on Sept. 19.

Men's Soccer defeated St. Rose, 3-0. The team's record is 4-1 (1-1 NE-10). The next home game is against Le Moyne on Wednesday, Sept. 17.

Men's and Women's Cross Country competed at the Panther Invitational, hosted by Middlebury College. The men placed seven runners in the top 22 to finish third among eight teams with 84 points. The women placed fourth out of seven teams with 119 points.

Women's Soccer lost its last two games to Bentley, 2-0, and Southern New Hampshire, 2-0, on the road. The team sits at 2-3 (0-3 NE-10). It plays home against Lemoyne on Sept. 20.

Sports



Scoreboard

Men's Soccer

(4-1, 1-1 NE-10)

9/7 Franklin Pierce 1,

SMC 0

9/13 St. Rose 0, SMC 3

9/20 vs. Bryant at 1:30 p.m

Women's Soccer

(2-3, 0-3 NE-10)

9/6 Southern New

Hampshire 2,

SMC 0

9/9 Bentley 2, SMC 0

9/20 vs. Le Moyne 11 a.m

Field Hockey

(3-3, 2-2 NE-10)

9/9 SMC 4,

AIC 0

9/13 SMC 3,

Stonehill 2

9/20 at

Southern Connecticut State

University 1 p.m

Cross Country

9/13 at Middlebury

Men's 3rd/8 teams

Women's 4th/7 teams

9/20 Purple Valley Classic
in Williamstown, Mass. at
noon

Golf

9/13 Duke Nelson Classic

T-13th

9/20-21

NE-10 Championship

Volleyball

(4-4, 0-0 NE-10)

9/13 SMC 3,

Green Mountain 0

SMC 3, Middlebury 1

9/19 vs. UMass-Lowell
at 7 p.m.

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Senior Jessica Simmons (left) deflects the ball away from a Stonehill player. Simmons has accounted for three goals and one assist this season.



Senior captain Jenn Gray (right) chases down a Stonehill player. Gray has totaled five assists.

Field Hockey sticks it to Stonehill

The St. Michael's field hockey team is off to a 3-3 (2-2 NE-10) start.

The team won its last two games, defeating Stonehill, 3-2, and American International College, 4-0. The team will face off next against Southern Connecticut State University on, Sept. 20, and Franklin Pierce College on Sept. 23.

St. Michael's alumnus new sports information director *Seth Cole, '01, succeeds Angela Aja, '99*

By Christine Johnson
Health and Fitness Editor

Seth Cole, a 2001 graduate of St. Michael's, has been named the new sports information director. Cole succeeds Angela Aja, who accepted the position of assistant director of alumni and parent relations after serving three years as the Knights' SID. Cole will run the sports information and public relations program for the school's 21 NCAA Division II varsity teams.

Geri Knortz, director of athletics, holds no reservations regarding the hiring of Cole and has heard rave reviews about his work.

"I'm thrilled to have Seth returning to our staff at St. Michael's," Knortz said. "He's held two prestigious internship opportunities and he's going to do a good job of making sure things are running smoothly."

After two years away from the college, serving internships

for the Eastern College Athletic Conference and USA Hockey in Colorado Springs, Colo., Cole is excited to come back to the area.

"I am ecstatic to come back here," Cole said. "I wanted to get back to New England and can't think of a better place. Burlington is a beautiful area and I had four great years here."

Having just arrived on campus on Sept. 8, Cole has had his hands full. With the help of Angela Aja and Josh Kessler, an intern in the SID office, Cole has been able to get right on track.

"Angie has left things in place, along with Josh, which has made things real easy for me," Cole said. "Josh is a huge help."

As an undergraduate at St. Michael's, Cole gained experience in the field of sports media relations through internships in the school's sports information department and with the sports department of the Burlington Free Press. Cole also served as the sports editor of The Defender.



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Seth Cole speaks with Angela Aja in the Sports Information Office.

He was a four-year starter at second base for the varsity baseball team and was captain his senior year.

Senior Ricky Dailey recalls being a freshman when Cole was a captain. Dailey said coming in as a freshman, Cole was the best role model and captain that a new student could ask for because he led by example.

Dailey is looking forward to seeing Cole back on campus.

"I think it is great Seth is working here," Dailey said. "It is great for the school because he represented the school well when he was here. It is good for St. Michael's to find the people they educated and bring them back to our community."